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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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SUBJ: BOYCOTT OF US GRAPES

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM FRANK FITZSIMMONS, TEAMSTERS PRESIDENT, INQUIRING INTO CTV BOYCOTT OF THE UNLOADING OF US GRAPES. TEXT OF CABLE FOLLOWS FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION: QUOTE.

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE UNITED FARM WORKERS HAVE PETITIONED JOSE VARGAS FOR SUPPORT IN BOYCOTTING CALIFORNIA GRAPES DUE TO ARRIVE CARACAS IN NEAR FUTURE. CAN YOUR CONFIRM THAT THIS HAS OCCURRED WITH ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS, SUCH AS THE NAME OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVE AND THE RATIONALE FOR THE PETITION BEING MADE TO PRESIDENTE VARGAS. AS I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE, CURRENTLY ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD UNDER THE NEW LAW IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO BRING RECOGNITION TO THE FARM WORKERS AND STABILITY TO THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY. BOYCOTT ACTION OCCURRING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH SUCH ELECTION PROCEDURES IS SELF-DEFEATING AND SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE PROPER FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REPLY TO TELEX NBR 89628. FRANK E. FITZSIMMONS, GENERAL PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS. UNQUOTE.

2. IF THE DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, IT MAY WISH TO PASS THE FOLLOWING REPLY TO FITZSIMMONS. QUOTE.

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EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE VENEZUELAN WORKERS CONFEDERATION

RATION (CTV) INSTITUTED A BOYCOTT OF THE UNLOADING OF US GRAPES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1 BUT HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE REASONS FOR THE BOYCOTT. VENEZUELAN STEVEDORES AGREED TO UNLOAD ONE SHIP ALREADY IN PORT AND IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING A SECOND SHIP ON THE HIGH SEAS WILL ALSO BE UNLOADED.

CTV PRESIDENT JOSE VARGAS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CTV EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING AFL-CIO CONVENTION. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT VARGAS DIRECTLY IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. AMERICAN EMBASSY, CARACAS. UNQUOTE. ASECIO

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